

House Resolution No. 4650

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Goldie Rhea Norton of Thayer, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-sixth Birthday with a special celebration on November 17, 2008, at Shady Oaks Health Care; and

Whereas, on November 11, 1912, God brought a special gift to Oscar Norton and Centhia Coldwell with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Goldie, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Goldie Norton made her debut in 1912 along with such notable people as television personality and author Julia Child; dancer, singer, and actor Gene Kelly; and professional boxer Henry Armstrong; and

Whereas an individual who has lived during an exciting time in history, Goldie Norton was born the same year that Woodrow Wilson defeated Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft in the United States presidential elections, author Edgar Rice Burroughs published Tarzan of the Apes, and the Titanic sunk after colliding with an iceberg on her maiden voyage; and

Whereas, Goldie Norton has further distinguished herself by being a former employee of a meat packing plant in Illinois, a member of the Thayer Garden Club and the General Baptist Church in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, and as the care giver of her canine companion, Benji; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 96, Goldie Norton is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Goldie Norton at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Goldie Rhea Norton, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4650, adopted November 18, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker